GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:119
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Education in North-East
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally sponsored schemes in Education sector for the benefit of North-Eastern States, along with the funds made available and utilised during the last three years;
(b) whether the growth of education is slower in North-Eastern States including Assam and the illiterate people are more in comparison to other States like Kerala, Punjab, Tamil Nadu etc.;
(c) if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the steps taken by the Government to increase literacy rate in North-Eastern States including Assam?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.119 FOR 7.12.2015 BY SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY REGARDING EDUCATION IN NORTH-EAST.

(a) The Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Sarva Shikshya Abhiyan(SSA), Mid-Day-Meal Scheme(MDMS), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan(RMSA), Saakshar Bharat, Rashtriya Uchhatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) are the major schemes in the education sector being implemented in the country including North-Eastern States. The year-wise funds released and utilized in the NER States for the major educational schemes in the last three years is given at Annexure-I.
(b) & (c) The percentage change in the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in 2014-15 over 2012-13 in Assam in both secondary and higher secondary is higher than the States like Kerala, Punjab and Tamilnadu. In North East States, Mizoram has the highest literacy rate of 91.33% whereas other 5 States namely Tripura (87.22%), Sikkim (81.42%), Manipur (76.94%), Meghalaya (74.48%), Nagaland (79.55%) have literacy rate above the national average (72.98%) and Assam (72.19%) and Arunachal Pradesh (65.38%) have literacy rate below the national average. A statement indicating the literacy rate as per Census 2011 and absolute number of illiterates in the North Eastern States and other States/UTs of India is given at Annexure-II.
(d) The Government of India has launched Saakashar Bharat Programme in 2009 covering rural areas of 410 districts in 26 States and one Union Territory of India including North Eastern States, that had adult female literacy of 50% or below as per Census 2001. 38 districts in NER States excluding Mizoram have been covered under the programme. To expedite the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes, the share between Centre and NER States is in the ratio of 90:10 as compared to other states in the country, where sharing ratio is 60:40. Besides these, the Central Government is also providing 90% funds under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Mid Day Meal Scheme, RMSA, etc. for improvement in educational in the NER States. These schemes are being implemented in partnership with State Governments to cover the entire country, including NER States. The programme seeks to open new schools is those habitations which do not have schooling facilities and strengthen existing school infrastructure thorough provision of additional class rooms, toilets, drinking water, maintenance grant and school improvement grants. Existing schools with inadequate teacher strength are provided with additional teachers, while the capacity of existing teachers is being strengthened by extensive training, grants for developing teachinglearning materials and strengthening of the academic support structure at a cluster, block and district levels, besides hot cooked meals to children in the Government and Government aided elementary schools.

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